

**REMARKS**

Claims 2-5 are all the claims pending in the application. Claims 1 and 6 have been canceled without prejudice or disclaimer. Reconsideration and allowance of all the claims are respectfully requested in view of the following remarks.

**Allowable Subject Matter**

Applicants thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 2-5 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, to expedite prosecution of this application, claim 2 has been rewritten in independent form, and claims 3-5 depend therefrom. Accordingly, this application should be in condition for immediate allowance.

**Conclusion**

In view of the above, reconsideration and allowance of this application are now believed to be in order, and such actions are hereby solicited. If any points remain in issue which the Examiner feels may be best resolved through a personal or telephone interview, the Examiner is kindly requested to contact the undersigned at the telephone number listed below.

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<sup>1</sup> Office Action at page 3, item 3.

Amendment Under 37 C.F.R. § 1.111  
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The USPTO is directed and authorized to charge all required fees, except for the Issue Fee and the Publication Fee, to Deposit Account No. 19-4880. Please also credit any overpayments to said Deposit Account.

Respectfully submitted,

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